Radio Photo Service

1721. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of cities in the country where 'Radio Photo Service' is available for communication and for news agencies and what are the schemes for further expansion of these services; and

(b) when this service had made available at Ahmedabad and since when it is not functioning; what are the reasons for the abnormal delay in restarting the same and by when it is likely to be restarted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Photo telegraph service is available in the following cities:

Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Gauhati, Hyderabad, Jullundur, Jaipur, Lucknow, Madras, Panaji, Pune, Patna, Trivandrum and Nagpur.

No further schemes are under proposal for expansion of the same.

(b) Photo telegraph service was introduced in Ahmedabad with effect from 4.3.1983. The service could not be provided due to equipment fault between 12.9.1984 and 21.11.84, 25.4.1985 and 12.8.1985. The interruption was due to the equipment fault and the same had to be sent to the manufacturers M/s. Electronics Corporation of India Limited. Hyderabad for repairs. After 12.8.1985 the service is working satisfactorily. One more stand-by FAX machine has been procured for better photo telegraph service.

Cases pending in Supreme Court pertaining to ex-employees of ONGC

1722. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pertaining to ex-employees of the ONGC which are at present pending in the Supreme Court;

(b) the number out of them which are more than 10 years and 5 years old; and

(c) whether Government propose to make out of court settlement of these cases;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Two.

(b) Nil.

(c) No, Sir.

Test for recruitment of Programme/ Development Officers in Bharat Petroleum Ltd.

1723. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum Ltd. had recently held a test in New Delhi for the purpose of recruitment of Progress|Development Officers;

(b) if so, what was the number of vacancies reserved for SC/ST candidates;

(c) what was the number of SC/ST candidates called for the test; and

(d) by when the final selection is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A Test was conducted by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited for recruitment to the post of Programme Officers.

(b) The number of vacancies reserved on an all-India basis for candidates belonging to SC/ST category is 6.

(c) 302 SC/ST candidates were called to appear for the Test.

(d) The interviews are in hand and the process is likely to be completed by the end of September, 1986.

Hydrogen plant at Gujarat Refinery

1724. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has decided to set up Hydrogen Plant at Gujarat Refinery complex,

(b) whether any notices have been issued for inviting tender therefor;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, alongwith the details of capacity of the proposed units and the names of the companies and firms who have been notified for submitting tenders for the project; and

(d) what shall be the source of finance for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Adequate provision for the project has been made in the Indian Oil Corporation's Seventh Plan.

Prosecution launched against Indexport

1725. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a prosecution was launched sometime back against Indexport, a 100 per cent subsidiary of the Hindustan Lever Limited for hoarding and unauthorised transactions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the progress of the case instituted in that behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines to Industry to curb pollution

1726. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any detailed guidelines have been laid down by his Ministry for the various industries to take effective measures to curb pollution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) With a view to ensure that the various industries take effective measures to curb pollution, a number of steps have been taken by the Government.

(I) In the letter of intent issued to undertakings for setting up fresh industrial capacities, a condition is invariably stipulated to ensure that the undertakings take adequate steps to the satisfaction of the Government to prevent air, water and soil pollution.

(II) In respect of chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals industries which involve "process hazards" an additional condition is imposed in the indusirial approvals to ensure safety in plants before going into trial production. In respect of the 20 highly polluting industries, the following stringent conditions have also been incorporated in the letters of intent issued to the undertakings:

(i) The State Director of Industries confirms that the site of the project